

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. :  
Applicant : R.G. Bakker-Arkema, et al  
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Title : TREATMENT OF CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE  
  
TC/A.U. : 1614  
Examiner : RAYMOND J. HENLEY III  
  
Docket No. : A0000343-B

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for a first action on the merits, please enter the following amendments.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.